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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed June 17, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-34.

Please add claims 35-38.

~~35. A computer implemented method of identifying a record of a first database, as part of a process of synchronizing the first database with a second databases, comprising:  
reading a first record of the first database;  
assigning a code to the first record of the first database, the code being based on at least a portion of the content of the first record of the first database, the code being insufficient to reconstruct the record but sufficient to identify the record; and  
using the code in the synchronization process to determine whether a record of the second database is identical to the first record of the first database.~~

~~36. The computer implemented method of claim 35 wherein the code comprises a hash number computed based on at least a portion of the content of the record of the first database.~~

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